

## SMOKE FUND STILL CAN SEND TOBACCO

Not Affected by Time Limit  
Put by Post Office on  
Trench Gifts.

## SCHULTE RECORD HIGH

Godowsky and Mme. Alda to  
Be Soloists in Great  
Benefit Concert.

It's splendid the way the public is enlisting in the noble effort to make the American soldier boys over in France happy at Christmas time. Contributions are rolling in as never before, and the sincere desire upon the part of givers that the country's fighters shall enjoy genuine holiday cheer even though they are thousands of miles from home is indicated in the tone of many of the letters.

Frequently a contributor gives merely his name and address, or, if he doesn't care to have his identity revealed, the initials or other mark by which he wishes to be credited in the published list. Now, however, an uncommonly large number feel moved to express their sentiments on paper. They can't resist the temptation to tell how glad they are that a Christmas soldier's campaign is under way and to voice their gratitude at the opportunity to participate in it. There are two points to emphasize this morning in connection with the sending of Christmas gifts to the soldiers in Europe. First, it is not too late to join the Sun Tobacco Fund's giving. Particular attention is called to this fact because November 15, yesterday, was the dead line fixed by the Post Office authorities for the sending of Christmas packages abroad.

## Fund Doesn't Use Mails.

This dead line order does not affect the fund in the slightest degree because the fund does not use the Post Office. Its special arrangements for shipping on the Government transport enable it to get Christmas tobacco packages across many days after the general public is supposed from sending with any assurance that delivery will be made before the great day of December 25. Every week it does send out one or more shipments.

This leads to the second point to be emphasized. The fact that it isn't too late to take part in the Christmas giving does not mean that any one should delay a day, an hour longer than is absolutely necessary. Christmas is approaching rapidly, and even with the special facilities afforded the fund in the shipment of its tobacco packages there is certain to be a dead line for the fund's giving suggested before, it can't be a real Christmas if the special gifts are delivered after December 25.

So, to repeat, it is not too late to join the fund's Christmas army, but it behooves everybody to join at once. "Do your Christmas shopping early" always was a good slogan, and now many unfortunately don't follow, despite the best of intentions. "Do your Sun Tobacco Christmas Tobacco giving early" is a slogan to which all must give heed.

## Schulte Returns to Europe.

The returns from the special sale in the Schulte tobacco stores, November 9 and 10, have come in most opportunely. The following letter, received yesterday from D. A. Schulte, president of the fund, explains itself:

"The Sun Tobacco Fund celebration days (last Friday and Saturday) were a great success in our 114 stores, the public having responded in a fine, patriotic spirit, giving our stores a considerable increase in business for these two days.

"It gives me great pleasure to be able to tell you that the Tobacco Fund benefited by the 5 per cent. donation to the extent of \$12,274.66 in smoke for our boys in the trenches."

The Schulte firm set aside two days on which to devote to the fund 5 per cent. of the gross receipts in its great chain of stores in order to celebrate the fund's passing of the \$100,000 mark and to give added impetus to the drive toward \$200,000. There never was any doubt of the patriotism or the generosity of the Schultes, for these are manifested daily through the arrangement by which the certificates and coupons deposited in the contribution boxes in their stores are redeemed to the fund's benefit.

The only question was the extent to which the public would take advantage of the special opportunity afforded by these two days to increase the tobacco supply for the soldiers. Particularly gratifying therefore is the word from Mr. Schulte that the public gave the stores a considerable increase in business on the days when its patronage meant most for fighting boys.

## Century Mark Celebrated.

The returns have brought the total receipts through the Schulte cigar stores up to \$248,558, as is indicated in the appended table this morning. The fund hardly could have selected—had it been a matter of selection—a better time for the crossing of the century line than the very date on which the mark was crossed. For it inspired this firm to set aside celebration days, the receipts from which fit splendidly into the Christmas package arrangement.

And now this morning the fund is permitted to reveal the identity of the two solo artists who are to take part in the concert in the grand ballroom at the Waldorf the night of November 26. They are Leopold Godowsky, the pianist, and Mme. Frances Alda of the Metropolitan Opera.

It would be superfluous to dwell at length upon the abilities of these two artists, but the mere announcement that they are to perform for soldiers' smiles assures a large audience and one which is certain to be charmed. Godowsky is regarded as the most representative interpreter of Chopin. After the composer's death much of his music remained mute until the appearance of this master to interpret it. The pianist is a naturalized American, and the cause of the Allies in the present conflict is very close to his heart. For some time he has been looking about for an opportunity to evidence his interest in practical way, and this Sun Tobacco Fund appealed to him as an enterprise through which he might appear to the greatest benefit of his country.

Mme. Alda, the lyric soprano, distinguished for her interpretation of Mimi in "La Boheme" and other grand operatic roles, has been more than generous in contributing the music of her talent and her means to the advancement of the national cause ever since this country's entry in the war.

## Will Render Patriotic Songs.

This premier concert is to be given under the auspices of the women singers of the Rubinstein Club, whose vocalists will render "The Star Spangled Banner," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "The March Song." To the interest and the patriotism of W. R. Chapman, the conductor of the club, and Mrs. Chapman, the president, is due in large measure the success of the preliminary arrangements of what promises

## Artists Aid "Sun" Fund.



Mme. Frances Alda.



Leopold Godowsky.

Mme. Frances Alda of the Metropolitan Opera will sing and Leopold Godowsky, the pianist, will play at the concert for THE SUN Tobacco Fund in the ballroom of the Waldorf the night of November 26.

to prove one of the notable musical and social events of the season. Meanwhile music lovers are planning to attend another splendid concert, also for the fund, the one to be given in the Hotel Ansonia next Thursday night. There, too, will be presented a program of the highest class, made up, as it is, of such names as Miss Sophie Brahm of the Metropolitan, Miss Nedda Humphreys, soprano; Moses Boguslevski, pianist; Maximilian Silber, violinist; and Miss Eva Gauthier, mezzo-soprano.

Gen. Loring M. Black, brother of the late Gov. Black, will make a short address on the work of the tobacco fund and the needs of the soldiers. Several of the large fashionable schools of the upper West Side have sent in orders for big blocks of seats—ten or twelve together in some cases. Tickets are on sale at the Ansonia, Breton Hall and the McBride and Tyson agencies, at \$3 each, plus the war tax.

These names have been added to the list of patronesses for the Ansonia concert in the last few days: Mrs. Malcolm Mossman, Mrs. Mary Wilkinson Mount and Mrs. Margaret C. Crumpacker.

## "The Blaze" Will Help.

On Friday of next week, the night just following the Ansonia concert, "The Blaze," the annual fall dance of the Liberal Club, takes place in Webster Hall. This ball, a generous share of the proceeds of which is to come to the fund, is to be a decidedly colorful affair, as is indicated by the costume requirements set forth by the committee in charge.

"Costumes should have a decided and vivid color interest. The committee will accept or reject them upon this qualification. Complete in any period or character you please, so long as you present a good color effect. Black, white, red, yellow, orange, blue, green and violet are any of the colors that are desirable. Besides primary colors, delicate blues, pinks and grays or other soft shades may be used. Costumes may be very plain and simple or elaborate and complex both in color and form.

"The committee will positively reject all costumes which lack color interest, such as commonplace domino, pierrot, evening dress, cowboy, Victorian or early Colonial costumes. Your costume must be in good faith and worn during the entire evening."

The decorations were designed and the designs are to be executed by A. H. Frost, Jr.

The campaign for the sale of "Columbia" the march with patriotic chorus composed by Seneca G. Lewis, general manager of the Pennsylvania Rubber Company, continues to make rapid progress. Mr. Lewis, it will be recalled, assigned to THE SUN Fund his entire royalty earnings in advance of any sales and the Jerome H. Remick Company, the publisher, offered to contribute an amount equal to the whole of the royalties.

From Mr. Lewis came yesterday checks for \$25, this representing profits of \$14.50 on the sale of 150 copies each to Lieut. H. W. Du Puy and W. J. McAnaney, the latter of Detroit, and \$5 on the sale of 100 copies each to F. F. Hearnach, Seattle, Wash.; J. C. Weston, New York; Towner & Co., Memphis, Tenn.; a friend who does not wish his name mentioned; F. F. Everett, Detroit; Capt. Henry W. Storer, Cleveland, and Milton H. Batz, Buffalo.

## Writes Inspiring Letter.

To accompany his offering, E. C. Devore of Edward E. Epps & Co., Broadway street, wrote the following inspiring letter:

"I take pleasure in enclosing my check for \$25 as a contribution from Mrs. Devore and myself to your fund. I am

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sorry we did not get in on your first hundred thousand dollars. We, however, try to do something on each succeeding hundred thousand, or from time to time. We extend our good wishes to you for your good work.

Mr. Devore's letter to smoke when he was a boy out in Kansas not so many years ago, and apparently has no sympathy with the school teachers of his native State who met the other day and solemnly resolved that the sending of the "pernicious weed" to the soldiers should be discouraged.

Henry W. Savary, who is as good a judge of patriotic enterprises as of musical comedy stars, also sent a check for \$25.

A fine example of collective giving was made at the Cutler School, which collected and sent in \$25, with the word: "We all wish The Sun the best of luck and hope to be able to contribute some more money at a future date."

Bridge players again are to the fore, some who didn't give their names having made an offering. When \$20 contribution Frederick T. Parsons, of Douglass, N. Y., wrote:

"Just a little to help make Christmas happy for the boys over there."

Dr. J. J. Edmondson, who is high on the list of repeaters, sent his regular \$5 contribution, and Mr. Every Week repeated with his twenty-first dollar offering.

And so they come! The fund is well above \$135,000 this morning. Meanwhile music lovers are planning to attend another splendid concert, also for the fund, the one to be given in the Hotel Ansonia next Thursday night. There, too, will be presented a program of the highest class, made up, as it is, of such names as Miss Sophie Brahm of the Metropolitan, Miss Nedda Humphreys, soprano; Moses Boguslevski, pianist; Maximilian Silber, violinist; and Miss Eva Gauthier, mezzo-soprano.

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## THE FUND NOW STANDS:

THE SUN AND THE EVENING SUN, \$20,000.00

United States Tobacco Co., \$10,000.00

Previously acknowledged, \$100,000.00

New contributions, \$115,000.00

Total, \$245,000.00

Subscriptions, \$125,000.00

Cash balances, \$2,700.00

Gifts, \$10,000.00

Stores, \$9,300.00

Grand total, \$245,000.00

L. O. E. Jr. and E. R. E., \$2.00

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## DOC SPAVIN TELLS WHY HE'S GROUCHY

Reduced to Ranks After Boys  
Had Made Him Company  
Adjutant.

## WOULDN'T BE A CORPORAL

Now He Sympathizes With  
Ex-Czar Shovelling Snow in  
Faraway Siberia.

CAMP UTRON, N. Y., Nov. 15.—Old Doc Spavin of the engineers, leaned on the handle of his axe and swore gently in a strange, weird language. Doc had a grievance against the whole known world, especially against the army and more especially still against his own company commander in the 302d Engineers, National Army of Freedom.

Old Doc had been reduced, no longer could he wear the service ribbon and the fancy tinted hand painted shoulder straps that went with his rank. From a certain rather high and unknown position in army life he was now back swinging an axe when he wasn't learning how to drill and shoot with a rifle. In truth old Doc was all out of luck.

"I ain't no ordinary individual," Private Doc Spavin moaned on. "Don't I get a lot of professions? Ain't I one chemist, I ask you—and ain't I studied by I don't know what about something on taxonomy and medical medicine and pharmacy. I am a terrible valuable man, I was, an' I don't get nudging out of him but one rotten deal. I am disgraced and wid being a wood chop in the engineers."

## Some Bug Killer.

"Back in New York I got a business all of my own, making bug powder. I can kill no many bugs as you never saw wid one package. Don't I kill a lot of little ones for some of the boys in my company. Just ask me dat, will you?"

Old Doc Spavin, at present, naught but a lowly private, leaned almost savagely on his axe handle and swore some more. The strange oaths seemed to go nicely with Doc's build.

Just as he was short and squat—very, very squat—and had somewhat of a wild, foreign look about him, so did these flowing words of Doc's have all the flavor and character of short, squat and very virile oaths. And, too, they were a bit crazy, resembling Doc in this particular possibly closer than in any other.

"I don't put in no claim for exemption or noting when I come down here, I want to serve my country sometime, so I leave my factory and my business and come. And ask me—do they make of me a doctor or a good job give me? You guess not. I don't get noting but I care—I don't think not. I just work and work and work and I don't want no small office. I want something big and I say, 'No, I don't want any corporal.'"

## Higher Ambition.

With wonderful disdain Doc pointed toward a corporal who was taking both his roadmaking and his official job quite seriously. "Looky, I should want some five cent job like that, I don't think," he went on. "What I wanted was something fine like a company adjutant. You know him?"

Doc's audience, with only a score of years of soldiering to his credit, considered him a high official job quite seriously. "Looky, I should want some five cent job like that, I don't think," he went on.